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## Lady Antebellum owns the night

**BY CHELSIE SCHULDIES**  
THE PARTHENON

Lady Antebellum owned the night at the 2012 Own the Night World Tour at the Big Sandy Superstore Arena on Friday.

Fans filled the plaza as early as two hours before the start of the concert.

"I'm so excited to see Lady Antebellum," Samantha Combs, 14, of Ona, W.Va. said. "I have never been to a concert before, and I am really excited that my first concert is with my favorite band."

Samantha Combs' mother, Kelly Combs, 41, said she was just as excited about the concert as her daughter.

"I am pretty excited for the concert, too, especially since Darius Rucker will be there," Kelly Combs said. "I don't mind waiting here a couple of hours early. We have tickets to be right up by the stage and we want to get as close as possible."

Jordan Sutton, 29, of Teays Valley, W.Va. said he came to the show with his wife, Tonya Sutton, 29.

"I bought my wife tickets to the show for her birthday," Jordan Sutton said. "I'm not a huge fan of country music, but she is. And I don't think she would ever let me live it down if I didn't go with her tonight."

Tonya Sutton said she was looking forward to Darius Rucker's

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I'm not a huge fan of country music but she is. I don't think she would ever let me live it down if I didn't go with her tonight."

> Alicia Stevens,  
concert attendee

## Food for Thought hosts dinner for Honors College students

**BY BRITTANEE BARTON**  
THE PARTHENON

Sophomore Honors College students gathered in the Memorial Student Center on Friday for a formal dinner and discussion.

More than 100 students participated in the Food For Thought Dinner, part

of the curriculum for each section of honors second year seminar, or HON-200.

Mary Todd, dean of the Honors College, said the goal is to bring students together.

"We really wanted to get students to meet people they haven't met before, but with whom they share something in common:

Membership in the Honors College," Todd said. "We also wanted them to learn something about having good, common, civil academic conversation together over a meal."

Seating ensured students from all six sections mixed together to converse about the essays. Tables also had

an assigned faculty adviser, who facilitated the discussion.

Prior to dinner, students read two essays from "The Ethical Compass." The first essay analyzed the superhero extinction and the anti-superhero phenomenon. The second essay examined the first amendment with regard to separation of church and state.

James Nowlin, sophomore economics major from Ashton, W.Va., said the dinner pleasantly surprised him.

"We didn't talk about the essays much, but rather the broader, more abstract ideas in them," Nowlin said. "That's something valuable and enjoyable."

Following table conversation, Provost Gayle Ormiston, who was also one of the facilitators, spoke briefly about the importance of sharing of ideas in an intelligent community.

Nowlin said he appreciated the opportunity the dinner provided to talk about these topics with a variety of people.

"At the end of the dinner, I went and talked to Ormiston about the first essay and the

author's complete misreading of Nietzsche," Nowlin said. "It's nice just to be able to approach Dr. Ormiston and Dr. Todd and just talk about something you don't normally get to talk about."

Todd said she envisions future Food For Thought events. She said she thinks the dinner is beneficial because it teaches students the skill of discussing specialized topics over a meal, as is characteristic of scholarship or job interviews.

Nowlin said he is also supportive of the Honors College repeating a similar dinner.

"With any inaugural edition of something, it's a learning process," Nowlin said. "I'm sure it'll be refined. I think 45 minutes wasn't very much to discuss something like this, but going forward, it's something fun and good to experience."

The next HON-200 function is a sophomore convocation featuring speaker Jessica Jackley on March 12.

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Honors College students enjoy dessert at Friday's event. More than 100 students participated in the Food For Thought dinner.

## W.Va. Lobby Day to address women's issues

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The 2012 West Virginia Lobby Day for Women's Lives will take place from 8:30 a.m. through 4 p.m. Wednesday at the West Virginia State Capitol.

Planned Parenthood Health Systems, West Virginia FREE and the American Civil Liberties Union will be promoting their messages to the West Virginia legislators.

The event will include free training, breakfast and lunch.

Planned Parenthood Health Systems is a nonprofit organization intending to expand women's issues including birth control access, sexually transmitted infection testing and abortion rights.

Jordan Bean, Planned Parenthood Health Systems' spring intern and Marshall University senior, said 10 teenagers become pregnant in West Virginia each day.

"It is really important

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**TOP:** (LEFT) Jamie LoFiego, Up Late host, interviews (RIGHT) Keith Morehouse, WSAZ sports director, guest stars on Saturday's live edition of the show.  
**BOTTOM:** Up Late, Marshall University's late night talk show, broadcasts its first live show Saturday. The show has been ongoing at Marshall for the last 5 years.

# Lambda Society to host upcoming events

THE PARTHENON

An organization on campus has been fighting for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender rights for almost 30 years and shows no signs of stopping.

The Marshall University Lambda Society is an organization in conjunction with the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Outreach, dedicated to offering support and raising awareness for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender students.

"As one of West Virginia's oldest lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender allied organizations our goal is to bring a sense of activism and promote awareness," said Jo Troller, president of the Lambda Society.

The organization has participated in the "Walk Against Rape," homecoming events and the "Suicide March." It has also hosted social events and trips to Kings Island.

The organization plans to host a "Marriage Day Protest" at the Memorial Student Center on Valentine's Day in unification with a larger event at the Cabell County Courthouse to raise

awareness for marriage equality.

"Students will be able to get married regardless of gender," Troller said. "It's not going to be legal marriage, but the participants will get to say their vows and receive a certificate."

This year, the organization has also partnered with other LGBT groups on campus to present Marshall Pride Week in early March. The week will consist of several lectures, movies and events, including the Annual Pride Week Drag Show, when students and performers from the Tri-State area come and perform on Marshall's campus, as well as its annual prom.

"People shouldn't be intimidated," Troller said. "Lambda is very supportive."

The organization has been active on campus intermittently since the 1980s, making it the oldest LGBT organization on campus.

The group is currently made up of 10 students, but numbers fluctuate.

The organization meets at 9:15p.m. Thursdays in the Memorial Student Center.

# Environmental Department asks for help from students

BY CHRISTINA CARRION  
THE PARTHENON

Marshall University's Environmental Health and Safety Department is asking for students' creative help this semester to educate fellow students and community members about stormwater pollution.

The department is hosting a poster design contest for Marshall students to promote stormwater awareness.

Storm water carries pollutants from off cars, roof drains and roads that could harm the Ohio River.

"Stormwater has the potential to get into our local waterways, and our local waterways are where we get our drinking water," said Travis Bailey, environmental specialist.

The posters should incorporate the winning slogans that were chosen last semester.

The winning posters will

be duplicated and posted around Marshall's campus during the Fall 2012 semester.

Submissions will be accepted at the Sorrell Maintenance building or can be emailed to Bailey.

The contest ends at 4:30 p.m. March 30.

Bailey is in charge of Marshall's contribution of storm water runoff to Huntington's Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System and tests campus stormwater for nutrients.

Bailey said nutrients such as nitrogen and phosphorus could cause algal blooms, which deplete oxygen and results in fish fatalities.

"So for people who love to fish or boat in the river, we don't want to impact it negatively," Bailey said.

Locally there aren't any problems, but the Environmental Protection Agency and the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection said the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers are

contributing nutrients to the Gulf of Mexico.

The nutrients create massive algal blooms in the ocean and kill the shrimp and bottom feeders because algal blooms do not allow enough oxygen or enough light into the ocean.

"It all starts here and travels downstream to the Gulf of Mexico," Bailey said. "The algal blooms created hypoxia, or a dead zone, that cannot support aquatic life in the northern region of the

Gulf of Mexico."

The nutrients affect the area economically, especially tourism because it harms the aesthetic of the Gulf of Mexico.

Chesapeake Bay has had heavy stipulations on municipalities and industries because the bay is in such poor condition.

"It's a massive cleanup everywhere," Bailey said.

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# New forest-management plan weakens wildlife protection

BY RENEE SCHOOF  
MCCLATCHY NEWSPAPERS  
(MCT)

**WASHINGTON**—Back in the 1980s, when conservation advocates were trying to stop logging in old-growth forests in the Pacific Northwest, they relied on a 1982 regulation that required the National Forest Service to protect wildlife such as the spotted owl throughout its range. They won, and a new Northwest forest plan in 1990 greatly reduced logging in the region's old-growth forests on federal land.

Now the national planning rule that governs individual national forest plans is about to change, for the first time since the Reagan era. Scientists and environmentalists say many of the changes are improvements, but they object to a key change in the way the plan would protect wildlife.

That part of the plan always has been controversial. The timber industry opposes it. Conservationists



GENARO MOLINA | LOS ANGELES TIMES/MCT

Former logger Johnnie Laird walks through the shuttered Ward Cove Pulp Mill where he was once employed in Ketchikan, Alaska, in the Tongass National Forest on March 7, 2010. He is opposed to SB881 which would allow Sealaska Inc., the regional, for-profit native corporation for Southeast Alaska, to privatize more than 70,000 acres of public lands within the Tongass National Forest.

say it was vital to winning protection for old-growth forests. Now some ecologists and advocates say the Forest Service plan's change on this point would

punch a hole through key protections.

The plan, which covers all uses of forest, including timber harvests, grazing, recreation and wilderness,

is expected to become final in early March. Until then, Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack could still make changes. But when Vilsack announced the plan last

week, he called it "a strong framework to restore and manage our forests and watersheds and help deliver countless benefits to the American people." The plan was published Friday in the Federal Register.

Conservationists say the wildlife provision is a crucial weak point.

"This plan is much less protective than the 1982 Reagan-era one on wildlife protection," said Niel Lawrence, an attorney with the Natural Resources Defense Council. "This provision is the single strongest protection for the national forests, and the agency is not retaining it."

The 1982 rule required the Forest Service to manage fish and wildlife habitat so that healthy populations of animals are "well-distributed" throughout each forest.

The new plan drops that language. Instead, it requires forest managers to maintain habitats. It leaves it up to the official in charge of a region's forests

to decide whether any individual species needs extra protection to ensure that it will continue to exist over the long term with "sufficient distribution."

The nation's largest national forest, the Tongass in southeast Alaska, has some land set aside for timber harvests and other areas for recreation and wildlife, as do other national forests. The Tongass' 2008 plan requires the Forest Service to "maintain contiguous blocks of old-growth forest habitat in a forest-wide system of old-growth reserves" where "viable and well-distributed" populations of animals that depend on this habitat can live.

Under the new national plan, without the "well-distributed" range requirement, managers of the Tongass wouldn't need wilderness areas spread over the forests' hundreds of islands, but could limit wildlife protection to smaller areas, Lawrence said.



# SPORTS

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## Second half comeback falls short

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The Marshall women's basketball team erased a 16-point first half deficit, but was unable to complete the comeback as the Herd fell 50-45 to the University of Alabama-Birmingham on Sunday.

The Blazers dominated the first 16 minutes of the game, jumping out to a 24-8 lead before the Thundering Herd began to chip away. Marshall ended the half on a 12-0 run to tighten the gap, sending the team into the locker room down by just four.

The Herd continued to battle in the second half, taking just its second lead of the game at the 12:48 mark on a Lateidra Elliott layup. The two teams would exchange baskets over the next several minutes before UAB took the lead for good with seven minutes to play.

The Blazers led by as many as seven in the final minutes as the Herd brought the contest to as close as two. UAB landed three free throws in the final seconds to seal the victory.

Senior guard Rashedah Henriques led the way for the Herd with 10 points and six rebounds. Marshall was able to out-rebound UAB 33-29, but 19 Herd turnovers turned into 22 points for the Blazers.

The loss drops the Herd to 4-5 in C-USA play and represents the sixth loss in the last seven games.

Next up for the Thundering Herd is another conference matchup against UTEP in El Paso, Texas. The Miners are undefeated in conference play and currently hold a 19-2 overall record.

Tipoff for Tuesday's game against the Miners is slated for 9 p.m.



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Senior guard Alaya Mitchell sets up the offense in the first half of Sunday's loss to UAB. Mitchell scored four points and grabbed three rebounds as the team fell to the Blazers 50-45.

## Marshall captures first place at MU Invite

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In the final regular season event of the year, Marshall swimming and diving earned first place in the MU Invite Saturday inside the Frederick A. Fitch Natatorium.

The highlight of Saturday's event was the relay team of Heather Moore, Tiffany Aeling, Emily Heniken and Kaley Gregory breaking the Fitch Natatorium record in the 800-yard freestyle relay record with a

performance of 7:49.33.

Marshall also got a boost from their 200-yard medley relay teams. In the first event of competition, the team of Kim Recinella, Madison Lawhorn, Katie Kramer and Rachael Wheeler captured the 200-yard medley relay (1:53.50). While the grouping of Emily Akalski, Frankie Hilbert, Arlie Rykosky and Lauren Tarka posted the second best time in the event with a time of 1:54.37, which allowed the Thundering Herd

to get off to the fast start.

Overall, Marshall would finish in first with Converse College in second and Ursuline in third.

"We came into this meet knowing where we needed to execute to solidify the win," said head coach Russell Hunt. "The team absolutely responded."

The Herd also received the following individual event victories: Gregory in the 400-yard individual medley (4:40.12), Vera Niemeyer in the 100-yard breaststroke

(1:07.90) and 200-yard backstroke (2:06.06), Megan Demeter in the 100-yard butterfly (59.78) and 100-yard freestyle (55.20), Sarah Kay in the 200-yard butterfly (2:04.06) and Moore in the 200-yard breaststroke with a time of 2:27.00.

Kay's victory in the 200 butterfly moved her unbeaten streak to nine on the year, and her time was the second time her and the Herd this season.

During relay action, the team of Lauren Hurd, Alex

Dschaak, Katie Kramer and Lawhorn had the second best time in the 800-yard freestyle relay with a mark of 8:06.08. In the 200-yard freestyle relay, Converse College would garner first place, but Hunt's ladies would post the second best mark in the event with a performance of 1:45.06 from Sarah Coghlin, Kim Recinella, Hurd, and Akalski. The second grouping of Niemyer, Dschaak, Demeter and Kassie Goodall put up a time of 1:42.66.

The Herd finished with

239 points, with Converse collecting 219 points and Ursuline finishing with 40 points.

Marshall now moves onto the Conference USA Championships Feb. 15 through Feb. 18 in Houston, Texas. Marshall will be looking for their best showing ever at the championships after completing their most successful season ever while apart of C-USA. Details concerning the event will be available via HerdZone.com within the following two weeks.



### Weekend look around the league...

**MARSHALL- 70**

**XAVIER- 68**

**UCF- 59**

**TULSA- 79**

**MEMPHIS- 72**

**SMU- 52**

The Herd was unable to overcome a 55.6 percent shooting percentage by the Golden Hurricane.

The Tigers trailed by as many as 11 points in the second half but rallied late to win the game.

Marcus Jordan led the Knights with 17 points as UCF won its sixth C-USA game.

**RICE- 68**

**HOUSTON- 54**

**UAB- 61**

**ECU- 82**

**TULANE- 75**

**UTEP- 60**

Five Pirate players scored in double figures and ECU ran away from Rice in the second half.

Josh Davis recorded a double-double for Tulane as the Green Wave won easily over the Cougars.

UTEP missed a free throw with less than a minute to play as the Blazers held on for the win.

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#### COLUMN

## How the US can finally help bring peace to El Salvador

BY RANDY JURADO ERTL (MCT)

El Salvador is still not safe 20 years after peace accords ended the bloody civil war there.

Today, the violence revolves not around politics but around gangs. And just as the United States played a role in the civil war, so, too, does it play a role in the

issues. The jails in El Salvador do not have capacity to hold the never-ending numbers of inmates deported by the U.S., so now many of these criminals roam the streets. Second, the demand for illegal drugs in the U.S. fuels the gangs in El Salvador.

So when Republican presidential candidate Newt Gingrich recently denounced the Salva-

# 80,000

is the number of people who died in El Salvador's Civil War in the 1980s, many were civilians.

gang violence.

Back in the 1980s, Central America was a hot spot. President Reagan used inflated claims about communism triumphing there and creeping across our southern border to justify aiding and arming death squads in El Salvador and backing the right-wing government.

The civil war against left-wing rebels claimed the lives of more than 80,000 people. Many of the murdered were innocent, working-class civilians who supported neither the soldiers nor the guerrillas.

The U.S. is still a source of instability in El Salvador in two ways. First, it has deported thousands of inmates who had been imprisoned for gang-related

doran MS-13 gang, he was instilling fear but not offering solutions to help El Salvador fight the crime and violence.

One solution is more U.S. aid to El Salvador to fight poverty.

A different solution, is legalizing drugs in the United States so as to take the criminal element and the violence out of the drug trade.

This drug trade— and the gangs that feed off it — is ruining El Salvador, since the cartels are now extensively operating in Central America.

Salvadorans have not really known peace for more than 30 years now. They, like everyone else in this world, deserve a chance at a normal life.

The United States should help give them that chance.

#### EDITORIAL

## Komen's decision to restore funding is good, could have been avoided

After stating they would cease its financial funding to Planned Parenthood earlier last week, the Susan G. Komen Foundation reversed its decision Friday. This re-decision came after a wave of criticism from many supporters of Planned Parenthood. At the center of the criticism was the thought that Komen cut its funding to Planned Parenthood due to it offering women abortions. Immediately following the decision to cut funding, Planned Parenthood received many donations. If these donations were totaled up, they would nearly equal the funding that the Komen Foundation gave annually. The most notable one came from the mayor of New York City, Michael Bloomberg, who gave Planned Parenthood \$250,000. To witness the support Planned Parenthood has garnered, is amazing.

When the Komen Foundation announced it would restore its funding to Planned Parenthood, they seemed very conscious that their decision was one made without too much thought. Still insisting they originally did not cut funding because of Planned Parenthood offering abortions, the company admitted its fault. The initial decision was based upon the fact that the Komen Foundation could

not give money to an organization that was under investigation. As it turns out, Planned Parenthood was being investigated, but not for criminal activities. The investigation is somewhat frivolous and could not hold enough water to keep the Komen Foundation to stay with its original decision.

“Our original desire was to fulfill our fiduciary duty to our donors by not funding grant applications made by organizations under investigation,” a statement released from Komen stated. “We will amend the criteria to make clear that disqualifying investigations must be criminal and conclusive in nature and not political. That is what is right and fair.”

It is great that the Komen Foundation will restore its funding, but the decision could have been made and further thought out in a less hasty manner. How is it that one can be convinced they are violating their own policies by dealing with a company under investigation and then, the same week, reverse that decision? Regardless, Planned Parenthood will continue to offer services important to women and their health, and that is what is right and fair.

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#### COLUMN

## If you're going to vote, at least know about the candidate

BY ERIN MILLER  
THE PARTHENON

With the upcoming presidential election just around the corner, American media has had little else on its mind. And this, obviously, puts the election on the American peoples' minds. Being on our minds as it is, I was not surprised at all when I found myself discussing the topic with a friend of mine. Originally the conversation was simple: She asked who was leading in the GOP race, I said I wasn't sure but it was still probably too soon to tell. Then she said she had a hard time following these types of things.

But it was her next statement that would spur into action this column. Without a second thought or a hint of sarcasm she said, “I don't know who is still in

the race, but I will just vote for the Republican candidate.” Now, I will spare you my rant on Republicans. This wasn't a Republican or Democrat issue — this was an uninformed -voter issue. Here's the problem: America has a very well

way means there is no longer a need to actually learn something about the person you are voting for to lead our nation.

A candidate's opinions and ideas could be pretty far off base from what you think the party would

the party.

There is obviously nothing wrong with choosing a party and following it. This is America, your beliefs are your own to hold and vote. However, do not dismiss the other party's candidate without learning something about them, and certainly don't vote for someone without knowing anything about them. There is a well-known saying that democracy only works as long as the citizen participates, however, I would like to add a little extra into that sentiment: Democracy only works as long as the well-informed citizen participates.

So be that informed-citizen. Seriously, just flip on the TV, it's over FOX, CNN, CBS, NBS and every other national news station.

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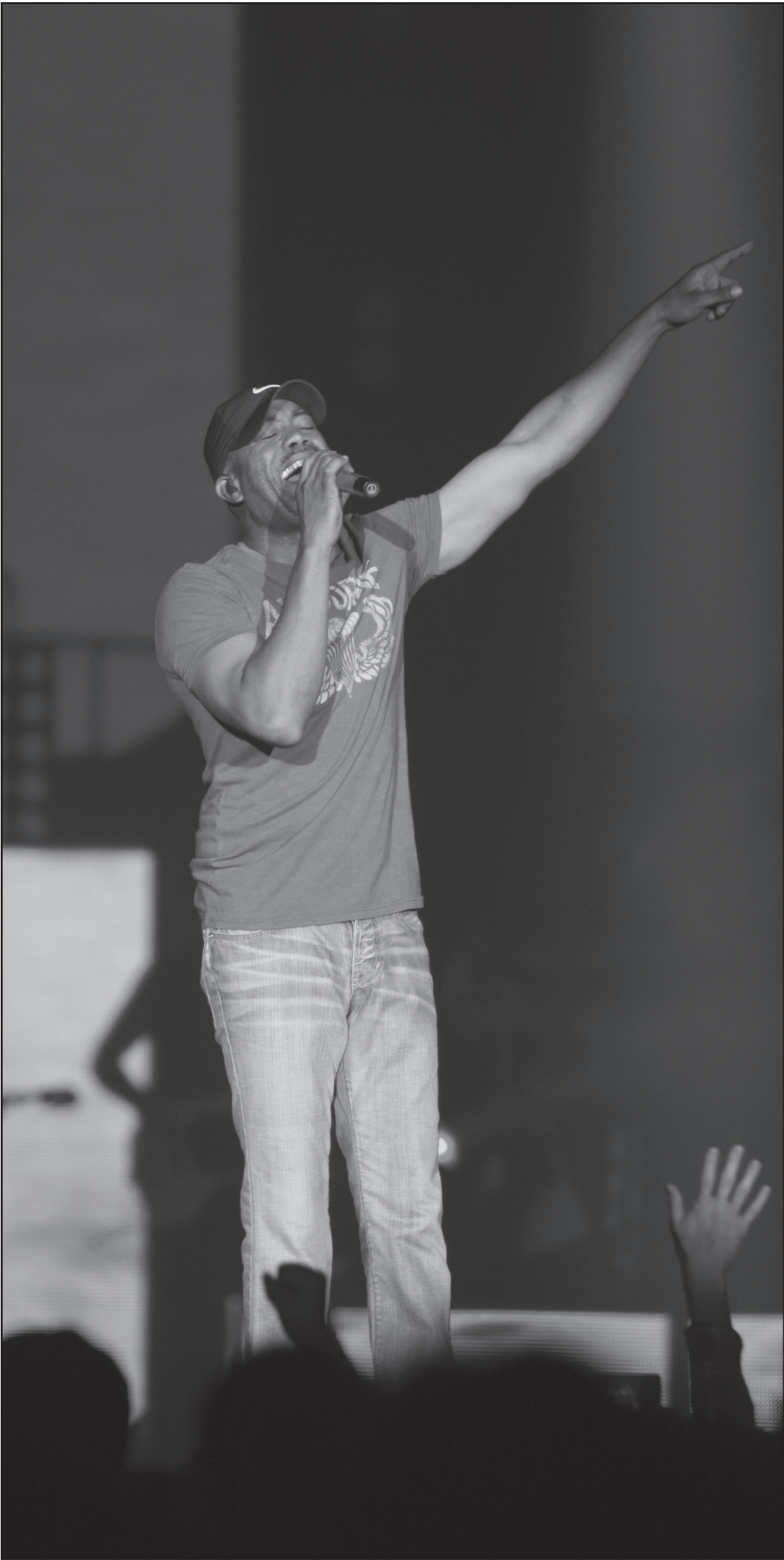
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> ERIN MILLER

developed adversarial, two-party system. This system allows citizens to align their general beliefs with a group that has overall the same political opinions as they do. But the words general and overall are the words that really matter in that sentence. Aligning oneself with a party in no

represent. There are very liberal Republicans and very conservative Democrats. Voting for a party instead of a person is an uninformed decision. With the media singing the praises and harping the dirty laundry of every candidate, it isn't difficult to learn about the person — not





**LEFT:** Darius Rucker performs at the Big Sandy Supercenter Arena on Friday. Rucker was on tour with Lady Antebellum. Rucker sang songs from his former band Hootie and the Blowfish, as well as songs from his current solo project.  
**RIGHTS:** A young fan cheers at the Big Sandy Superstore Arena on Friday when Lady Antebellum, Darius Rucker and Thompson Square performed in the “Own the Night World Tour.”



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performance.  
“I loved him when he was part of Hootie and the Blowfish,” Tonya Sutton said. “I’m sad the band isn’t still together, but I think he is doing great as a country music artist.”  
The show opened with band Thompson Square. The group is considered country music’s biggest breakout act of 2011.  
Thompson Square performed five songs, ending with their hit single, “Are You Gonna Kiss Me or Not.”  
Feature performer, Darius Rucker then entertained the crowd with a 13-song set list.  
When Rucker came on stage, some members of the audience began chanting the name Hootie, Rucker’s nickname while in the band, Hootie and the Blowfish.  
Rucker received the most crowd participation during his rendition of “Family Tradition” by Hank Williams, Jr.  
After his set list, Rucker had a message for Lady Antebellum.  
“I just want to say thank you for taking me on tour,” Rucker said. “Lady Antebellum is considered the biggest band in the world right now.”

During intermission, the “Shake It 2 Make It” dance contest took place, and the individual with the best dance moves would win two tickets to the Inner Circle, the inner section of the stage directly behind Lady Antebellum.  
Cameramen streamed images of the crowd dancing on to the big screens behind the stage. Some people their breakdancing skills or jump up and down. Others, started ripping off their shirts to attract the attention of the cameras.  
Not long after the dance competition, Lady Antebellum took to the stage amid screams and cheers from fans.  
Hillary Scott, lead vocals, came on stage wearing a sequined bustier with a black jacket, jeggings and boots. Charles Kelley, lead and background vocals, wooed fans in a red flannel shirt, black T-shirt, and jeans. Dave Haywood, background vocals and guitar player, kept it simple in a white T-shirt and jeans.  
With their opening song, We Owned the Night, the trio appeared after being raised on a hidden platform in the center of the stage.  
“I think because of you guys, we are now four for

four with sold out shows,” Haywood said.  
Scott said she appreciated all of the support from the fans who came to the show.  
“Just the fact that you all bought tickets to see us tonight is amazing,” Scott said.  
At one point during the show, Haywood shocked fans after he left the stage and then returned on the hidden platform, standing on a grand piano.  
In a surprise twist, Thompson Square and Darius Rucker came back onstage for a musical collaboration with Lady Antebellum.  
The screams from the audience were loudest during the collaboration of the groups.  
For the show encore, the group returned to the stage to perform their hit song, “Need You Now.”  
“The show was just fantastic,” said Alicia Stevens, 38, of Huntington said. “I loved everything about it. I’m so happy Lady A sang Need You Now, at the end, it was fabulous. I can’t wait for the groups to come back to Huntington again. I would see them in a heartbeat.”  
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that we perpetuate positive ideas about these issues, especially locally. We live in a very conservative area and there are a lot of negative

ideas and stereotypes floating around about Planned Parenthood Health Systems and girls who seek out their services,” Bean said.  
Bean said every woman deserves affordable, safe reproductive care for herself

and her family.  
“It is going to be a really exciting day,” Bean said. “Lobby Day is the biggest advocacy event that Planned Parenthood Health Systems West Virginia has and I am working really hard to get

individuals from campus to come and help out.”  
Pre-registration is required to be able to participate in activities. Registration details can be given by contacting Jordan Bean at [wvintern@pphsinc.org](mailto:wvintern@pphsinc.org).

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At the front of the room, Cabell Huntington Children’s Hospital handed out DVDs called “The Period of Purple Crying” to inform people about shaken baby syndrome. They also displayed their Beamz Music System, which they use for musical therapy for children in the hospital. The Beamz Music System can pick out individual instruments from songs to help children learn about instruments or play soothing noises such as rain or the ocean.  
Candi Armstrong, clinical coordinator of

pediatrics at Cabell -Huntington Children’s Hospital, demonstrated how the Beamz System uses infrared lights to power the system.  
“The most important thing for children in the hospital is psycho-social interaction,” Armstrong said. “Music therapy takes a terrible experience and turns it into a happy memory.”  
Volunteers from the community and Marshall University also came out to provide fun and entertainment for the children, including face painting, story reading, balloons, prizes and singing and dancing. Marshall

University’s Early Childhood Education Club read the classic children’s book “If You Give a Mouse a Cookie” and made shakers to contribute to their theme “Sing and Read to Children.”  
Brittany Young, freshman elementary education major from Williamstown, W.Va., sat at the reading station waiting for kids to come listen to her book.  
“I love children,” Young said. “I want to be a preschool teacher because I think it’s important for young children to learn and grow.”  
At the end of the event, children and parents waited

to receive giveaways and prizes announced by event emcee Angie Fletcher from 93.7 The Dawg. Children also received balloons and gift bags to take home.  
Stacey Murrell, mother and participant of Super Saturday, waited as her 3-year-old daughter received a temporary tattoo on her hand and a balloon before they left for the day.  
“This is just a great event for my daughter,” Murrell said. “She really enjoyed the hands-on activities and crafts. We will absolutely come back next year.”  
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## Super kids, super families, super Saturday

### United Way hosts day of family fun

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Parents and children from all over the Tri-State came to the Big Sandy Superstore Arena Saturday to participate in the 12th Annual “Super Kids, Super Families, Super Saturday” hosted by the United Way of the River Cities’ Success by 6 program.

At “Super Kids, Super Families, Super Saturday,” exhibitors provided activities for children to highlight the “12 Tips for Raising a Healthy Child”.

Lena Burdette, event coordinator for United Way of the River Cities, was standing at the front door greeting parents and children as they arrived.

“This event is a great event for both parents and children,” Burdette said. “The children get to learn and have fun while the parents educate themselves about resources for their children.”

Many organizations, including Cabell Huntington Children’s Hospital, Med Express, Cabell County Community Pre-K Program, Mountain State Healthy Families and Link Childcare Resource Referral, set up booths with information and activities such as puzzles, games and crafts for the children to take part

in.

Med Express taught children how to make their own first-aid kits.

Courtney Crabtree, marketing coordinator for Med Express, wrote the children’s names on the bags as they completed their kits.

“Med Express has made a dedication to youth athletics and education,” Crabtree said. “This is a fun hands-on activity to raise awareness about health and safety.”

Mountain State Healthy Families had puzzles set out, along with information about the different services they offer. Mountain State Healthy Families is a free program for first time parents in Cabell, Mason and Wayne Counties. Parents are assigned a home visitor who trains them in areas such as pregnancy, parenting and child development.

April Knight, family resource specialist at Mountain State Healthy Families, said she sees her job as a chance to give back.

“I was a single mother of two in need of assistance,” Knight said. “These services are very helpful to me so I want other people to receive the same kind of help.”

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**TOP:** Three-year-old daughter of Stacey Murrell receives a temporary tattoo at the “Super Kids, Super Families, Super Saturday” event Saturday at the Big Sandy Superstore Arena.

**RIGHT:** A crowd gathers at the event, which was sponsored by the United Way River Cities’ Success by 6 program.



## New Orleans vibe comes to Huntington

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Huntington became New Orleans for one night when the Dirty Dozen Brass Band jazzed up the Joan C. Edwards Playhouse at Marshall University on Saturday.

The DDBB was the finale of Marshall’s 43rd Annual Jazz Festival and Deb Sambol of Bridgeport, W.Va., said she would absolutely come back and hear the band play again.

“Dirty Dozen Brass Band just brings New Orleans flavor to West Virginia,” Sambol said. “I mean it was great, it was wonderful, and I had a really great time. It was just a great show.”

Ed Bingham, director of jazz studies at Marshall, said over the years, there have been a large number of jazz greats and musicians who have visited Marshall and played with our groups and worked with the students.

The DDBB played a number of songs, some of which

were played for the first time here at Marshall, one of which was a tribute to Mardi Gras and the Mardi Gras season.

Roger Lewis, baritone saxophone player for the DDBB, said he had a ball and everyone seemed to be having fun.

“I thought the response of the audience was very, very well and the energy was great,” Lewis said. “I love this place.”

Bingham said the group originally started out playing funeral processions, and as they went to the cemetery they would play slow and somber, but coming back from the funeral, everything was joyous and upbeat, and DDBB have taken that to the next level.

“Jazz is America’s classical music, and jazz was born in New Orleans from a mixture of cultures,” Bingham said. “You have classical music, African music, and French Creole music that’s a part of it, and it all sort of came together in New Orleans in

the early part of the 20th century.”

The audience clapped as Efre Towns, trumpet player for the DDBB, started playing two instruments at once in the middle of a song.

Towns said the group always has so much fun here. “We are from the backwoods, too, y’all, and we just love coming here,” Towns said.

The DDBB attracted people from all over the state of West Virginia. Sharon Gordon, of Charleston, said she loves them and would not have missed their show for the world.

“I have been listening to this group since they first came out, and when I heard they were coming here, I knew I had to make sure I came to see them,” Gordon said.

The DDBB tour all over the country, and Lewis and Towns said they hope they can come back to Huntington very soon.

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